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## **FY 2015 END-OF-YEAR ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

As of September 30, 2015

TASK	PROJECT	STATUS	COMMENTS
State and Local Consultations	In addition to the “Big 10” intergovernmental associations, EPA will include other intergovernmental organizations and state and local officials in federalism consultations.		<p>Completed</p> <p>Federalism consultations conducted in FY2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSCA Section 6, Methylene Chloride and N-Methylpyrrolidone</li> <li>• Trichloroethylene</li> </ul> <p>Additional federalism consultations not specifically prompted by the Federalism Executive Order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CWA Reinterpretation – Tribal Eligibility to Manage Regulatory Programs</li> <li>• Municipal Separate Storm Sewer General Permit Remand and Forthcoming Revisions</li> <li>• CAA Sec. 164: Federally-Recognized Tribes Seeking a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Redesignation to Class 1</li> <li>• CWA Section 303 – Process for Tribes Seeking Treatment as a State for Impaired Water Listing and TMDL Program</li> </ul>
	<p>NPMs and regional offices will conduct and document additional outreach with intergovernmental partners on regulations, major guidance, and other Agency policies.</p> <p>a) Outreach efforts will include New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gases from Modified and Reconstructed Electricity Generating Units, Waters of the U.S., and chemical plant safety. In addition, EPA will continue dialogue with states about developing and issuing timely implementation guidance for new rules.</p> <p>b) By September 2015, EPA will assess existing tools and potential new approaches to capture EPA’s discretionary outreach with intergovernmental partners during the development of major regulations and policies for which formal consultation</p>		Completed

	is not required by E.O. 13132, the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, or the Regulatory Flexibility Act.		
	Collaborate with the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) to ensure strong EPA-state engagement around Civil Rights Act Title VI grant management programs.		Completed  Collaborated with states for input on (1) promising compliance practices to include in a compliance toolkit currently under development; and (2) the draft “FY2015-2020 External Compliance and Complaints Program Strategic Plan”.
	Work in cooperation with ECOS, EPA’s Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), and other intergovernmental and private sector partners to further EJ goals. Specifically, continue implementation of initiatives begun under Plan EJ 2014.		Completed  Published the guide, “ <a href="#">EJ Best Practices for Local Governments</a> .”
NEPPS	By December 2014, EPA will work with states to reach consensus on a working set of principles for efficient and effective oversight.		Work is still underway  EPA is currently working with states to refine and finalize the principles in FY 2016.
	By December 2014, the NPM Guidance-NEPPS Workgroup will finalize additional recommendations to ensure that the two-year NPM guidance, Annual Commitment System, Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs) and Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) are useful tools and provide a clear path to achieve available flexibilities for states and tribes.		Completed  Adopted a recommendation to encourage broader use of multi-year grant workplans to complement the new two-year National Program Manager guidance. Work to advance multi-year workplans is included in the FY2016 Action Plan.
	By May 2015, or prior to negotiating NEPPS agreements and grant workplans, EPA regional and state senior managers will convene to review environmental priorities, available resources and program flexibilities to further refine priorities and commitments.		Work is ongoing in FY2016.  Eight EPA regions reported engaging with senior managers in their states to review and refine priorities and commitments. Several regions took additional steps to make the NEPPS process work better for states.
	By September 30, 2015, EPA will develop an updated policy for PPGs to encourage their broader use and ensure consistent management.		Completed  Grants Policy Issuance 15-01: Performance Partnership Grants for States <a href="http://www.epa.gov/grants/grants-policy-issuance-gpi-15-01-performance-partnership-grants-states">http://www.epa.gov/grants/grants-policy-issuance-gpi-15-01-performance-partnership-grants-states</a> .
With Tribes	By September 30, 2015, finalize planned number of EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs) with each tribe.		Work is still underway  The annual accomplishment was slightly under target—on track to meet the long-term target of completion by 2018.
	By September 30, 2015, Tribal Consultation Advisors will host a minimum of two internal trainings for EPA staff in their office or region about how to implement the Tribal Consultation Policy.		Completed

	By September 30, 2015, select a national pilot project under the EPA's leadership of the Climate Change Interagency Workgroup under the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA).		Completed  WHCNAA approved the five projects recommended by the Climate Change Subgroup and implementation is underway.
	By January 2015, complete WHCNAA dialogue on plans for improved leveraging of expertise and resources to address other environmental issues including longer-term infrastructure challenges.		Completed
	By September 30, 2015, in accordance with EPA Policy (CIO 2133.0) incorporate the tribal identification data standard into all relevant Agency systems that manage tribal data.		Work is still underway. During FY 2015, EPA's Offices of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) and Environmental Information (OEI) reviewed EPA applications and data systems listed in the Agency's Registry of EPA Applications, Models and Databases (READ) to identify those most likely to contain information pertaining to environmental program administration in Indian country. To begin the process of developing recommendations on incorporating the Agency's tribal identification data standard to more accurately represent Indian country data, the OITA and OEI team selected four systems to address during this fiscal year.
E-Enterprise	By December 31, 2014, complete the E-Enterprise Integrated Management Plan.		Completed
	By September 30, 2015, build Phase 1 of the Regulatory and Public Portals for E-Enterprise.		Completed
	By September 30, 2015, Integrated Project Teams will complete "as is" and "to be" architecture documentation.		Work is still underway  Expected to be completed in FY 2016.
	By September 30, 2015, complete all scoping for the five projects selected by the E-Enterprise Leadership Council, and complete initial implementation plans for all projects for which scoping was completed by February 28, 2015.		Completed
	By September 30, 2015, state grant workplans should align activities with E-Enterprise goals, as appropriate.		Work is still underway  Will be continued in FY 2016 Action Plan.
	By September 30, 2015, each program and regional office will identify management processes, projects, and/or program activities that will be adapted to align with E-Enterprise goals.		Work is still underway  Will be continued in FY 2016 Action Plan.
	EPA and ECOS will conduct outreach to state and local partners and the regulated community in support of E-Enterprise initiatives.		Completed
	By January 2015, EPA will conduct outreach to tribes through the National		Completed  Outreach on-going.

	Tribal Caucus to recruit tribal members for the E-Enterprise Leadership Council.		
International	By summer 2015, finalize a new Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Strategic Plan.		Completed  CEC Strategic Plan finalized and adopted by EPA and the Environment Ministers of Canada and Mexico.
	By April 2015, prepare project with Alaskan native village(s) and their tribal counterparts in other Arctic Council (AC) countries to address climate change.		Completed  Circumpolar Local Environmental Observers (CLEO) Network approved by the Senior AC Officials.
	By April 2015, complete negotiations on a Framework for cooperative actions on black carbon through the Arctic Council for Ministerial endorsement.		Completed  Included negotiations of a voluntary Framework for action on black carbon and methane.

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Progress Symbols	